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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please consider the following amendment in this Application and consider the following Remarks that place this Application in condition for allowance. Applicants would like express their appreciation for comments of Examiner Chiem.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.